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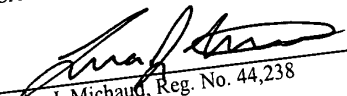
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 21, line 23, following "central processor 12 over Ethernet network", please delete "32" and insert therefor -- 41 --.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment;
2. Ten (10) pages of amended informal drawings;
3. Two (2) pages of Specification; and
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